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Annotations

1. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee under rule 14 of the rules of procedure

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the nine members of the Committee elected or re-elected at the twenty-sixth meeting of States parties to the Convention, held on 25 June 2015, will make the following solemn declaration:

> "I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously."

2. Election of officers, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure

In accordance with article 10 (2) of the Convention and rules 15 and 16 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur. The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years.

Under rule 58 of the rules of procedure, elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in the case of an election to fill a place for which there is only one candidate.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The present provisional agenda was prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chair of the Committee in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure.

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except when the election of officers is required under rule 15. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Under this item, the Committee will adopt the agenda for the session.

4. Organizational and other matters

The eighty-ninth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 25 April to 13 May 2016. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 25 April.

The Committee will consider its programme of work for the eighty-ninth session. It will also continue reviewing its working methods.

The attention of States parties is drawn in particular to the annex, which contains a tentative timetable for the consideration of reports submitted by States parties.

In accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties are invited to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures

The Committee decided at its forty-fifth session to establish this item as one of its regular and principal agenda items. Within the framework of its efforts to prevent racial discrimination, the Committee may decide to take early warning measures aimed at preventing existing problems from escalating into conflicts or it may decide to initiate urgent action procedures aimed at responding to problems requiring immediate attention to prevent or limit the scale or number of serious violations of the Convention.

6. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention

At its eighty-ninth session, the Committee will consider periodic reports received from the following States parties: Azerbaijan, Georgia, Namibia, Oman, Rwanda and Spain.

In accordance with established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports have been scheduled for consideration by the Committee. A timetable for the consideration of reports submitted is set out in the annex.

7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

At its eighty-ninth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (CERD/C/89/2). Table 1 of that document contains a list of the reports received from States parties and pending consideration by the Committee. Table 2 contains information relating to overdue reports.

8. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider communications that have been submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

9. Follow-up procedure

In accordance with the provisions of article 65 of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider follow-up information submitted by States parties in relation to the observations and recommendations of the Committee.

10. Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Durban Review Conference

The Committee will discuss follow-up activities to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, and to the Durban Review Conference.

11. Universal periodic review procedure of the Human Rights Council

In accordance with a decision taken at its seventy-third session, the Committee will consider matters related to the universal periodic review procedure of the Human Rights Council.

12. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention

13. Adoption of the annual report of the Committee for submission to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session

Annex

Tentative timetable for consideration of reports, comments and further information submitted by States parties

The following timetable has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chair, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its eighty-eighth session.

Day	*Number and time of meeting*	*State party*
Tuesday, 26 April 2016	2424th 3 p.m.	Spain (CERD/C/ESP/21-23)
Wednesday, 27 April 2016	2425th 10 a.m.	Spain (*continued*)
	2426th 3 p.m.	Oman (CERD/C/OMN/2-5)
Thursday, 28 April 2016	2427th 10 a.m.	Oman (*continued*)
	2428th 3 p.m.	Rwanda (CERD/C/RWA/18-20)
Friday, 29 April 2016	2429th 10 a.m.	Rwanda (*continued*)
Monday, 2 May 2016	2432nd 3 p.m.	Georgia (CERD/C/GEO/6-8)
Tuesday, 3 May 2016	2433rd 10 a.m.	Georgia (*continued*)
	2434th 3 p.m.	Azerbaijan (CERD/C/AZE/7-9)
Wednesday, 4 May 2016	2435th 10 a.m.	Azerbaijan (*continued*)
	2436th 3 p.m.	Namibia (CERD/C/NAM/13-15)
Friday, 6 May 2016	2437th 10 a.m.	Namibia (*continued*)